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THE relations which are borne by one portion of society toward another have been so often reported on, preached about, spoken of, that it does not seem possible to add any new thought to the subject.

This is true not only of the ordinary relations of life, but alike of the conditions between those who manage a charity and those who are the recipients of the charity. "The poor ye have with you alway." And it is doubtless true that we shall always find work for our charity ; and, so far as we are faithful, we may hope in some small way to do something to lift the burden from some hearts, else bowed in the dust by grief and loss.

It is true here as in every work of life that questions of doubt may arise whether results commensurate with the efforts can be traced to the efforts,—whether, indeed, as much good is effected in the way we pursue as in some other way. Is the comfort of the recipients of our charity as well secured by the present arrangement as may reasonably be looked for ?

In the first place, it must be said that it is not likely that

old persons can adapt themselves easily to new conditions, nor find as much comfort and enjoyment by sharing a room with another as by occupying it alone. Yet we cannot help this condition of affairs until we shall have means to erect a building constructed expressly to secure the privilege for each inmate to have a room for herself. For this, we must labor and wait. Will our friends respond to the appeal for help to this end? We do not ask, nor do we wish, for means to erect a large or highly ornamental building. Comfort does not depend upon external show. Nor do we believe in the wisdom of erecting a large building, in which shall be congregated a crowd of persons who have no affinity, and little sympathy even, for each other. But a building constructed so as to accommodate not more than fifty might add much to the enjoyment of all, while the expenses would be relatively less than at present.

We do not say this by way of complaint of the present expenditures. We have only words of praise of the management of the Home as at present carried on by our efficient matron, who, while carefully watching over the comfort of the inmates, is also most painstaking in keeping the expenses within reasonable limits.

While, therefore, we think we are doing as much as can be reasonably looked for under the circumstances, we ask for means to change the circumstances; and we can confidently promise to do more and better than ever before.

For we have to report the affairs of the Home in a prosperous condition. The internal arrangements are in the same excellent hands as for the last few years; and, so far as she can control matters, we see little or nothing to change.

Our friends have been mindful of the wants of the Home, and the same kindly spirit has been shown during the year as in former years.

During the past year, we have had twenty-three inmates, of whom seven have been admitted, three have died, and three withdrawn, leaving seventeen now in the Home.

Miss Champney, at the New Year, laid us all under renewed obligations for the pleasant entertainment afforded

both for the body and the spirit. Her praises were sung by the inmates for many a day for this thoughtful kindness. Nor is she yet forgotten.

The Young Men's Christian Union, William H. Baldwin, President, and Mrs. Thomas Adams have added much to the health, comfort, and enjoyment of the inmates by furnishing carriages for rides during the pleasant season.

We have especially to refer to the kind interest of Miss Anna E. Putnam, who desired that five hundred dollars should be bestowed upon the Home from her estate. This was not, however, stated in her will. But her surviving sister and sole legatee, Miss Carrie Putnam, with generous kindness, wished her sister's wishes complied with at once, and directed the money paid, which was done and a new fund was founded, called the Anna E. Putnam Fund.

And now, while writing the report, we have a letter from Mr. Henry G. Denny, executor of the will of Dr. Henry Bartlett, enclosing a check for one thousand dollars, a bequest from Dr. Bartlett for the uses of the Home.

The Sunday services have been conducted as usual through the year, and our thanks are due the clergymen and others who have cheerfully undertaken the work. We have gratefully to acknowledge the continued kindness of Mr. Nazro, in taking charge of the singing ; of Miss Libby, Miss Foster, and Miss Morrill, for their help at the piano ; and of the young ladies from Immanuel Church, for their assistance in the singing.

The comfort and enjoyment of the inmates have been faithfully served by Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Burrill, and the Misses Dibblee, Munroe, Reynolds, Shute, and Tuckers, who have devoted much time in reading to them through the year.

Dr.

ADAMS AYER, Treasurer, in account with ROXBURY HOME GENERAL FUNDS.

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		<i>Contra Cr.</i>		
April 1, 1880.	Balance.....	\$1,244.87	April 1, 1881, Paid Table supplies.....	\$1,085.74
April 1, 1881.	Received Board of inmates.....	2,618.26	Fuel and lights.....	289.00
	Board of inmates from former year.....	150.00	Salaries and wages.....	985.79
	Subscribers.....	297.00	Repairs on house and furniture.....	53.15
	Interest, temporary loan.....	20.00	Medicine and incidentals.....	115.03
			A. E. Putnam Fund.....	62.62
			Children's Nursery.....	100.00
			Balance.....	1,638.80
		<u>\$4,330.13</u>		<u>\$4,330.13</u>

Examined and found correct.

JOHN KNEELAND, Auditor.

ADAMS AYER, *Treasurer*, in account with FUNDS OF ROXBURY HOME. *Dr.*

1881.

CAROLINE PORTER FUND.

April 1.	Boston and Maine Railroad Bond, par value.....	\$1,000.00	
	New York and New England Railroad Bonds, par value.....	2,000.00	
	United States four per cent. Bonds, par value.	1,200.00	
	Uninvested.....	238.55	
			\$4,438.55

LOWELL FUND.

	Cowley, Sumner, and Fort Smith Railroad Bond, par value....	\$1,000.00	
	United States four per cent. Bonds, par value.....	1,100.00	
	Uninvested.....	319.57	
			\$2,419.57

INVESTMENT FUND.

	New York and New England Railroad Bond, par value.....	\$1,000.00	
	United States four and a half per cent. Bonds, par value.	3,100.00	
	United States four per cent. Bonds, par value.....	200.00	
	Uninvested.....	216.12	
			\$4,516.12

ADAMS FUND.

	Marion and McPherson Railroad Bond, par value.....	\$1,000.00	
	United States four per cent. Bonds, par value.....	100.00	
	Uninvested.....	112.20	
			\$1,212.20

MOSES DAY FUND.

	Eastern Railroad Bond, par value.....	\$1,000.00	
	United States four per cent. Bond, par value.....	100.00	
	Uninvested.....	37.12	
			\$1,137.12

C. B. WINN FUND.

	Bonds Old Colony Railroad Bonds, par value.....	\$2,000.00	
	United States four and a half per cent. Bonds, par value.	600.00	
	United States four per cent. Bonds, par value.....	1,100.00	
	Uninvested.....	61.22	
			\$3,761.22

GILBERT S. MAY FUND.

	Mortgage Note.....	\$1,000.00	
	New York and New England Railroad Bonds, par value.....	2,000.00	
	United States four per cent. Bonds, par value.....	600.00	
	Uninvested.....	122.75	
			\$3,722.75

ANNA E. PUTNAM FUND.

	United States four per cent. Bonds, par value.....	\$500.00	
			\$500.00

HENRY BARTLETT FUND.

	Eastern Railroad Bond, par value.....	\$1,000.00	
			\$1,000.00
			\$22,023.53

Examined the above statement, and found all the securities and moneys called for.

JOHN KNEELAND, *Auditor*.

April 26, 1881.

LIFE MEMBERS, \$50.00.

Mrs. Thomas Adams.	Miss Sarah M. Champney.
Mrs. Nathaniel I. Bowditch.	* Mrs. George Dove.
Miss Louisa B. Champney.	Henry S. Shaw.
William Taylor.	

* Deceased.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS, \$3.00.

Amory, Miss Mary	Clarke, John J.
Appleton, Mrs. Mary G.	Copeland, Mrs. C. F.
Appleton, William C.	Cotting, Mrs. Benjamin E.
Ayer, Adams	Cunningham, Mrs. Charles
Ayer, Mrs. Adams	
	Davis, Mrs. Elizabeth
Bacon, Augustus	Davis, Mrs. Isaac (\$5.00)
Bacon, William	De Wolf, John L. (\$5.00)
Balch, Miss Ann	Dixwell, Mrs. John J.
Bartlett, Miss Caroline	
Bartlett, Miss Mary H.	Flint, John S. (\$5.00)
Bartlett, Mrs. Henry	Foster, Mrs. George E.
Blanchard, Mrs. William	
Bradford, Mrs. C. F.	Greene, Mrs. Franklin
Brigham, Joseph L.	Guild, Henry
Brigham, Mrs. Elizabeth D. (\$5.00)	Guild, James
Brown, Atherton T.	
Bush, Mrs. S. W.	Haines, Miss A. M.
Bush, Solon W.	Harmon, Mrs. I.
	Harrington, Miss Isabella
Caffray, Mrs. M. W.	Harrington, Mrs. E.
Campbell, Miss Willietta	Hayden, Mrs. Isaac
Clark, Mrs. Mary E.	

Hickling, Mrs. Charles
 Hodges, Mrs. Danforth C.
 Hollingsworth, Lyman
 Hollingsworth, Mrs. L.
 Homer, Mrs. Thomas J.
 Howard, Miss Hepsie S.

Jackson, Mrs. William F.

Kneeland, John

Leland, Mrs. Wm. S.
 Lowell, Miss Anna C.
 Lowell, Mrs. J. Amory

Martin, Mrs. Henry A. (\$5.00)
 Morrill, Mrs. Joseph
 Munroe, Mrs. George H.

Nazro, Mrs. Fred H.
 Nevers, Miss Lucy
 Newell, Mrs. James M.

Osgood, Mrs. John F.
 Osgood, John Felt
 Otis, Mrs. Theodore

Parker, Mrs. Augustus
 Parker, Mrs. J. Wells
 Pettee, Mrs. Seth
 Putnam, Miss Anna E.

Randall, Miss Belinda L. (\$5.00)
 Reynolds, Edward B.
 Reynolds, Mrs. Wm. J.

Rice, Mrs. Edward E.
 Rice, Mrs. George Woods
 Rogers, John
 Rogers, Miss Laura D.
 Rogers, Miss Susan
 Ropes, Joseph S.
 Rupp, Mrs. D. C. M.

Sargent, Mrs. Epes
 Shedd, Mrs. Joseph G.
 Snow, Miss Salome H.
 Stackpole, Mrs. R. M.
 Stackpole, Reuben M.
 Stúrgis, James
 Swett, Miss Ellen L.

Thacher, Miss Caroline B.
 Thompson, Mrs. Augustus C.
 Tolman, Mrs. James
 Townsend, Miss Anna S.
 Tucker, Mrs. Joseph W.

Ward, Mrs. Francis J.
 Weld, Miss Susan
 Wheelwright, Mrs. George W.
 Wheelwright, Mrs. Josiah
 White, Mrs. Henry
 White, Miss Sarah D.
 Whiting, Mrs. William (\$5.00)
 Willard, Mrs. Paul
 Williams, David W. (\$5 00)
 Williams, Miss Mary
 Williams, Stephen
 Wyman, Mrs. George H.

The following persons have officiated at the Sunday services for the year ending April 26, 1881 :—

May	2.	Mr. E. B. Reynolds.	Oct.	31.	Miss Emmons.
"	9.	Rev. W. P. Tilden.	Nov.	7.	Rev. D. V. Goddard.
"	16.	Rev. Mr. Hammett.	"	14.	Mr. W. H. Baldwin.
"	23.	Mr. Parkman.	"	21.	Rev. Mr. Bowen.
"	30.	Rev. Mr. Blake.	"	28.	Rev. Mr. Lyons.
June	6.	Mr. C. R. Eliot.	Dec.	5.	Mr. E. B. Reynolds.
"	13.	Mr. McDonald.	"	12.	Mr. Chapman.
"	20.	Rev. C. A. Reese.	"	19.	Mr. Kneeland.
"	27.	Rev. I. O. Means.	"	26.	Rev. Mr. Ayer.
July	4.	Rev. Mr. Patterson.	Jan.	2.	Rev. Mr. Green.
"	11.	Gen. J. L. Swift.	"	9.	Rev. Mr. Judy.
"	18.	Mr. Fletcher.	"	16.	Mr. Parkman.
"	25.	Rev. Mr. Mills.	"	23.	Mr. E. B. Reynolds.
Aug.	1.	Rev. D. Waldron.	"	30.	Mr. H. P. Collier.
"	8.	Mr. E. S. Rousmanière.	Feb.	6.	Mr. R. P. Bulkley.
"	15.	Mr. W. P. Gannett.	"	13.	Mr. Russell.
"	22.	Mr. Dunnell.	"	20.	Mr. Chapman.
"	29.	Mr. John Kneeland.	"	27.	Mr. Williams.
Sept.	5.	Mr. E. B. Reynolds.	Mar.	6.	Mr. Smith.
"	12.	Rev. Mr. Lyons.	"	13.	Professor Noyes.
"	19.	Rev. Mr. Blake.	"	20.	Rev. Mr. Blanchard.
"	26.	Rev. Mr. King.	"	27.	Mr. R. B. Bulkley.
Oct.	3.	Rev. H. B. Carpenter.	April	3.	Mr. Tunis.
"	10.	Rev. Andrew McKeown.	"	10.	Mr. H. W. Compton.
"	17.	Rev. I. O. Means.	"	17.	Mr. Bumpus.
"	24.	Rev. E. Chapman.	"	24.	Rev. Mr. Potter.

LIST OF DONATIONS.

Mr. Patterson's church : Flowers.
 C. G. Davis : Turnips.
 Mrs. Wyman : Six jars tomatoes and some jelly.
 Mrs. Foster : Nine jars strawberries.
 Immanuel Church : Flowers.
 Mrs. Harmon : Flowers and jelly.
 Mrs. Longley : \$2.
 C. G. Davis : Cantelopes and sweet potatoes.
 Mrs. Appleton : Several donations of early apples.
 Mrs. Robbins of Acton : Barrel of apples.
 Mt. Pleasant Church : Beautiful flowers.
 Mrs. Newell : Several donations of pears.
 Mr. Way : Pears.
 Mr. Day : Pears.
 Mr. Davenport : Pears.
 C. G. Davis : Apples.
 Mt. Pleasant Church : Cake.
 Mr. Augustus Parker : A large donation of squashes.
 C. G. Davis : Squashes and quinces.
 Mr. Reynolds : Cranberries for Thanksgiving.
 Rev. Mr. Chapman : Cranberries.
 Miss Susan Weld : \$5 for Thanksgiving.
 Mrs. Newell : Pears for Thanksgiving.
 Mr. Charles Cheever : Oatmeal and Graham flour.
 Eliot Square Church : Cake.
 Mrs. Ayer : Figs.
 Mrs. Osgood : Table linen, towels, two counterpanes.
 A Friend : \$5 through Miss Rogers.
 Mrs. Shedd : Three mince pies.
 Mr. Joseph Squier : Pail of lard.
 Walnut Avenue Church : Bountiful supply ice-cream.
 Mrs. Wyman : Jelly.
 Miss White : Birthday treats.
 Mr. Brooks's church (Eliot Square) : Easter flowers.
 Miss White : Easter cards.
 Mrs. Ward : Frosted cake.
 "Home Journal."
 "Christian Register."
 "Unitarian Review."

INMATES.

	AGE.
Miss Elizabeth Babcock,	77
Mrs. Amelia Ball,	80
Miss Bethia Burrill,	82
Miss Harriet Burrill,	75
Mrs. Eliza R. Carson,	64
Mrs. Mary Chadwick,	85
Miss M. L. Crawley,	64
Miss Maria Davis,	78
Mrs. Ruth Dearborn,	85
* Miss Emily Domett,	65
Miss Sarah Fosberry,	77
Miss Elizabeth Frye,	70
Miss Harriet Hall,	80
Miss Mary Edes Lillie,	84
Miss Abigail C. Lillie,	63
* Miss Susan Linney,	75
Miss Eliza Melcher,	78
* Miss Martha Perkins,	68
Miss Mary A. H. Reding,	81
Mrs. Margaret Rogers,	86
Miss Sarah Seaverns,	74
Mrs. Synthia Smith,	81

* Left.

DECEASED.

Mrs. Mary Chadwick,	85
Miss Abigail C. Lillie,	63
Mrs. Margaret Rogers,	86

